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Cc: Priselac, Adrienne[Priselac.Adrienne@epa.gov]
From: Menghrajani, jacquelyn
Sent: Mon 3/7/2016 11:40:28 PM
Subject: RE: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

Hi Ted and Khesha,

Thanks for your patience on this. Here is what we know so far.

The Lead Summit will be 2.5 days. The first day will include a half day of tours and a dinner at Resurrection Church with Father John in Los Angeles. The second day will include a formal conference with presentations by experts; Jane has asked if Ruth would consider being a keynote speaker at the conference. The third day will include a working session where participants (e.g., experts and agencies) discuss specific work plans for the protection of workers, the protection of communities during remediation, the identification of those who have been exposed (including biomonitoring), and supporting those who have been affected.

In addition to the EPA, Jane and her colleagues are currently recruiting the following agencies and people to support and participate in the summit:

- [REDACTED] California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- [REDACTED] California Environmental Protection Agency
- [REDACTED] California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- [REDACTED] County of Los Angeles
- [REDACTED] South Coast Air Quality Management District
- [REDACTED] City of Los Angeles
- [REDACTED] City of LA
- [REDACTED] Congressman Becerra
- [REDACTED] Congressperson Roybal-Allard
- [REDACTED] The Speaker's office
- [REDACTED] The Pro Tem's office

It seems that specific dates and the venue have not been confirmed yet. We will send more information when it becomes available. In the meantime, please let us know if Ruth would be interested to have a call with Jane Williams to discuss the summit.

Thanks again,

Jackie

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From: Coopwood, Theodore

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 9:50 AM

To: Priselac, Adrienne <Priselac.Adrienne@epa.gov>; Menghrajani, jacquelyn <Menghrajani.Jacquelyn@epa.gov>; Reed, Khesha <Reed.Khesha@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

Good afternoon,

I would appreciate having as many logistical details about the event as possible. Khesha and I will talk with Ruth about this next week. It would be very helpful to have as many details as possible.

Ted

From: Priselac, Adrienne
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2016 11:38 AM
To: Menghrajani, jacquelyn; Reed, Khesha
Cc: Coopwood, Theodore
Subject: RE: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

Yes, Jackie is right. Jane would like Ruth to speak and participate in the Summit. Steven Leonido-John, the Director of our Southern California Field Office will participate on behalf of EPA on the steering committee for the Summit so there would not be a need for Ruth to help in organizing the event, although if she has ideas we can have Steven carry those forward in his capacity on the steering committee. Hope that helps.

Thanks,
Adrienne

From: Menghrajani, jacquelyn
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:19 AM
To: Reed, Khesha <Reed.Khesha@epa.gov>
Cc: Priselac, Adrienne <Priselac.Adrienne@epa.gov>; Coopwood, Theodore <Coopwood.Theodore@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

Hi Khesha,

I don't think Jane is inviting Ruth to help organize the summit. It seems from the invitation that Jane is inviting Ruth to speak and participate in the meeting. Have you or Ted reached out to Jane yet? If not, I can email her today to get clarification.

Thanks so much,

Jackie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Reed, Khesha

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 5:55 AM

To: Menghrajani, jacquelyn <Menghrajani.Jacquelyn@epa.gov>

Cc: Priselac, Adrienne <Priselac.Adrienne@epa.gov>; Coopwood, Theodore <Coopwood.Theodore@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

Adrienne and Jackie,

Thanks for looping me in on this. It isn't clear to me exactly what they are looking for. Do they want Ruth to speak or help plan the Summit? Also based on the topics it seems that the focus is on clean up,

remediation and legislative changes as opposed to health effects. It seems like someone from the superfund office might be the most appropriate participant from HQ.

Ruth will be meeting with Matthew Tejada (from the EJ office) this afternoon. This topic is on their list of issues to discuss. It seems that he will be unable to attend the summit.

I'd love to have your thoughts/ recommendations regarding Ruth's participation - This morning if possible.

I am on leave today, so I've copied Ted on the note so that he can follow up with Ruth.

Thanks,

Khesha

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 3, 2016, at 1:14 PM, Menghrajani, jacquelyn <Menghrajani.Jacquelyn@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Hi Khesha,

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> Hope you're having a good week! I believe Robina Suwol mentioned this summit to you when she met with you back in November. At that time, Robina said that the summit was likely to take place in February. It seems that the lead summit was pushed back to late spring/early summer.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Priselac, Adrienne

> Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:28 AM

> To: Reed, Khesha <Reed.Khesha@epa.gov>; Berger, Martha <Berger.Martha@epa.gov>

> Cc: Menghrajani, jacquelyn <Menghrajani.Jacquelyn@epa.gov>

> Subject: FW: Lead Summit in Los Angeles (more from Jane)

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> FYI

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> This message to Ruth is from a prominent EJ community organizer in the LA area, who has been working with our LA Office and OEJ on various EJ issues. She is trying to organize a Lead Summit and would like Ruth to come and speak. I think the community is most interested in lead in soil and deposition from industrial facilities (such as the Exide Technologies facility, see: <http://www.latimes.com/topic/business/exide-technologies-ORCRP005486-topic.html>) rather than lead-based paint, but they are focused on children's lead exposure and potential health risks.

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> If I can be of assistance in helping Ruth consider this or respond, please let me know.

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> Thanks so much.

> Adrienne

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jane Williams [<mailto:dcapiane@aol.com>]

> Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 7:27 AM

> To: Etzel, Ruth <Etzel.Ruth@epa.gov>

> Cc: Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>; LEONIDO-JOHN, STEVEN <Leonido-John.Steven@epa.gov>

> Subject: Lead Summit in Los Angeles

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> Dear Dr. Etzel,

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> Greetings! I hear so many wonderful things about you from my colleague here in California, Dr, Amy Kyle. We are trying to tackle the issue of lead exposure in children and respond to the science on low-level exposures to lead leading to significant public health implications.

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> We have a large lead contamination issue in Los Angeles from a former secondary lead smelter which is driving a lot of engagement on the issue, but California has a larger problem of lead contaminated soils with ghost smelters and the general industrialization/ contamination of its cities.

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> In an effort to have a more comprehensive response to this issue of lead exposure, a number of NGOs are working with the legislature to pass a funding mechanism to cleanup these contaminated properties and coordinate that effort with lead exposure reduction efforts in housing and food.

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> We are planning on holding a Lead Summit in Los Angeles sometime in late Spring/early summer and are hoping that you could participate. We intend to hold a conference on the first day and on the second day engage our government agencies in a "Roadmap to Restoration" exercise where we will establish workgroups on a number of lead-related topics and draw up recommendations for each of our state and local government sectors involved in remediation and exposure reduction efforts.

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> The problem we are trying to solve is that we see the same mistakes being made consistently at our cleanup sites, and now that our state is headed into an effort to cleanup many sites, in many counties across the state, we want a template. This template would have existing county programs on lead-based paint integrated with the remediation of lead contaminated sites, integrated with our state's bio monitoring program, integrated with efforts to provide enhanced educational and behavioral services to lead-exposed children in the school setting.

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> We also are planning on bringing a few activists from other parts of the country who are working on lead contamination at existing lead smelters or closed ones. It is our great hope that we can hold this conference this year in Los Angeles and that next year a similar conference would be held in some other affected community in another U.S. city.

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> We are hoping you can help us, we hear that you really care about this issue and the many children who are affected by this exposure. Please let me know if you have any time to talk.

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> Cordially,

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